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1. SUMMARY: ON MAY 11 NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY BRIEFED DCM ON BILATERAL
INDONESIA-NEW ZEALAND TALKS HELD IN JAKARTA MAY 5 AND 6. TOPICS RANGED

FROM US INTENTIONS IN ASIA TO TIMOR, POLITICAL DETAINEES AND ASEAN.
FOLLOWING INCLUDES INFORMATION TAKEN FROM REPORTING TELEGRAM TO
WELLINGTON FROM NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

2. US. ACCORDING TO NEW ZEALANDERS' REPORT, INDONESIANS TOLD THEM OF
THEIR EFFORTS TO ELICIT US VIEWS AND TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES, BOTH THAT
INDONESIA IS REGARDED AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN VIETNAM AND THAT THE US
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WILL
CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THIS AREA. INDON-
ESIANS STATED THEY HAD SEEN LESSENING OF US INTEREST IN ASIA BUT HAD
BEEN ASSURED BY IMPORTANT US VISITORS OF CONTINUED US DETERMINATION
TO REMAIN A POWER IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. INDONESIANS FUTHER NOTED
MORALISTIC US TONE AND HUMAN RIGHTS INTEREST. THEY AT FIRST FEARED
THAT POLICY DEVELOPING TOWARD A TRILATERAL REALTIONSHIP AMONG EUROPE,

THE
US AND THE JAPANEST TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL ELSE BUT HAVE BEEN RE-
ASSURED ON THIS SCORE. THEY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT USG MORE INTENT
ON INTERNAL THAN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

3. PRC. INDONESIANS EXPRESSED SOME APPREHENSION ABOUT CHINESE AMBITIONS

AT SOME STATE IN THE FUTURE AND THE USE THAT MIGHT BE MADE OF CHINESE
MINORITIES.

4. INDOCHINA. NEW ZEALANDERS FELT THAT INDONEIANS SAW THINGS PRETTY
MUCH AS THEY DID, THOUGH INDONESIANS WERE PERHAPS A TRIFLE MORE CON-
FIDENT THAT VIETNAM WILL BE ANOTHER YUGOSLAVIA. NEVERTHELESS,
INDONESIANS
WERE FEARFUL THAT WITH AN ACCELERATED PACE OF RECONSTRUCTION, VIETNAM
COULD BECOME MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY WOULD WISH A THREAT TO THE BALANCE

IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN THEIR ZEAL TO
HELP
VIETNAM, OUTSIDERS WOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE RISKS INVOLVED. IT WAS
IMPLICIT IN ALL THAT THE INDONESIANS SAID THAT THEY REGARD VIETANM
AS A REAL
AND POTENTIAL THREAT. PHAN HIEN (WHO IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT
NEW ZEALAND
NEXT MONTH) THEY REGARD AS A PROFESSIONAL SOFT-LINER AND WILL BE IN-
TERESTED IN WHAT NEW ZEALAND MAKES OF HIM.

5. JAPAN. NEW ZEALANDERS FELT THAT INDONESIA'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE
JAPANESE IN MANY WAYS PARALLELED THEIR OWN. HOWEVER, INDONESIANS
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APPEARED TO TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE POSSIBILITY THAT JAPANESE MIGHT
REARM. INDONESIANS DECLARED THAT JAPANESE HAD SO FAR NOT ACTED BEYOND
ECONOMIC TARGETS, BUT THAT EVENTS COULD LEAD TO A NEW JAPANESE CON-
FIGURATION. IF THE US PULLS OUT OF SOUTH KOREA, JAPANESE COULD REARM
WITH A RETURN TO OLD PROBLEMS. NEVERTHELESS, INDONESIANS AGREED THERE
WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THIS SCENARIO.

6. TIMOR. NEW ZEALANDERS FELT THAT PEOPLE TO WHOM THEY TLKED ON
THIS SUBJECT WERE SENSIBLE AND PRACTICAL. MALIK HIMSELF ADDRESSED
THE SUBJECT IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER. NEW ZEALANDERS EX-
PLAINED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT STILL FELT CERTAIN MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE
WAY IN WHICH THINGS HAD BEEN HANDLED, THOUGH IN ESSENCE IT WAS PREPARED

TO REGARD PRESENT SITUATION AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT. BECAUSE OF
POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN MANAGING NEW ZEALAND POPULAR OPINION, NEW
ZEALANDERS SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, SUPPOSING THAT GOI
AUTHORITIES WERE CONTMEPLATING VISITS TO TIMOR BY EMBASSIES STATIONED
IN JAKARTA, TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT ONE OF THEIR PEOPLE HAD BEEN THERE
.

(NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY HAS SINCE LEARNED THT GOI MAY TRY SOON TO
ARRANGE A VISIT BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24.)

7. PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOUTH PACIFIC. NEW ZEALANDERS FELT THAT IN-
DONESIANS DO NOT KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT PNG AS THEY SHOULD, WHICH PROBABL
Y
REFLECTS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO. ABOUT THE SOUTH PACIFIC,
INDONEIANS KNOW VERY LITTLE THOUGH KEEN TO LEARN, IN PART BECAUSE
OF THEIR CONCERN AT THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF RUSSIAN AND CHINESE
INTEREST. THEY WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO ACT AS "SOME KIND OF LINKAGE"
BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE "SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM," BUT NOW HAVE A BETTER
IDEA OF THE PARCTICAL DIFFICULTIES AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATION.
NEW ZEALANDERS NOTED THAT THEY WILL
HAVE TO FOLLOW THIS MATTER UP.

8. POLITICAL DETAINEES. HEAD OF NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION TO TALKS EX-
PLAINED FRANKLY TO ADAM MALIK HIS GOVERNMENT'S DIFFICULTIES
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OVER POLITICAL PRISONERS. MALIK NOTED GOI UNDERSTANDS CLEARLY AND REP
EATED THAT ALL
DETAINEES WILL BE RELEASED BY THE END OF 1979.

9. ASEAN. MALIK STRESSED THAT ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, ASEAN MUST
DEVELOP SLOWLY. HE WAS VERY REALISTIC ABOUT THE VALUE OF POLITICAL
BONDS, NEVER MENTIONING THE FACT OF IT TURNING INTO A MILITARY GROUPING

BUT STRESSED THE NEED TO EXTEND INTO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS
(HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LABOR RELATIONS, ETC.) INDONESIANS DISCUSSED
POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS SEAMEO AND MEDSEA,
EMPHASIZING THATNOTHING MUST BE
DONE TO ANTAGONIZE THE INDOCHINA STATES (NEW ZEALANDERS
COMMENTED THAT THEY THOUGHT THE GOI OFFICIALS MAY HAVE BEEN
TELLING THEM WHAT THEY THOUGHT ZEW ZEALAND WANTED TO HEAR). FOR
ITS PART, INDONESIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT WITH
MORE STATUS AND MORE WORK TO DO BUT RECOGNIZED THIS WAS NOT PRESENTLY
ACCEPTABLE. THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION OF THE PROSPECTS OF THE
KUALA LUMPUR SUMMIT,BUT INDONESIANS SAID IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAT
NEW ZEALAND "WILL NOW COME INTO THE PICTURE" AND BE ASSOCIATED
"IN SOME WAY." (NEW ZEALANDERS COMMENTED THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT
ASEAN MEMBERS ARE UNDER PRESSURE TO PRODUCE SOME MOVEMENT PRIOR
TO THE SUMMIT.
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